

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING MARCH 11, 2003

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. for the board of corrections meeting.

Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go into a board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Robert Rye absent. Motion carried.

Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, and Pamela Lancaster. Robert Rye was absent. Also present was Corrections Director Dave Arnold.

CORRECTIONS DIRECTORS REPORT – Corrections Director Dave Arnold was present and provided the packets of the statistical information to the board members. There were 636 people booked with a daily average of 121.3 inmates. The numbers are down a little. There were a total of 1,166 offenses filed. The arrests from the various entities are proportionally the same but the Nebraska State Patrol was higher.

Arnold reported that February 21st Scott Arnold and Jim Eriksen toured the Johnson County jail and on the 28th the board toured the Iowa jail facility. He stated they learned a lot about the different designs, operations and traffic patterns in the various facilities. He said Kitchel provided good information for the RFP.

Arnold reported that the funds for the reimbursements to counties for state inmates for the first quarter was 1.5 million so there is only 2.4 million left for the rest of the year. Legislation has been introduced to eliminate the entire reimbursement program.

Jeffries questioned if Hall County could deduct the amount that the state owes Hall County from our bill. Arnold stated that the state would cut the county off.

Arnold reported that the juvenile compliance monitor reviewed Hall County and we have been in compliance every year.

Scott Arnold questioned how long the county has received payments from the State and Dave Arnold replied that this is the second year, but the state is going to run out of money.

Eriksen thanked Dave Arnold for arranging the jail tours, they were beneficial to the board members. Scott Arnold stated that by touring the facilities a person could see the differences in the construction and management styles. He said he could rank the facilities and how they would fit with Hall County. He stated he was very impressed with the Douglas County facility.

Lancaster questioned if Dave could set up some additional tours to the Kansas facilities. He stated that he would check on this. Lancaster stated that if the board thought any of the facilities would be better for Hall County they could look at them again.

Scott Arnold suggested that maybe the board could do additional tours during the first week in April.

Hartman stated that he was impressed by the Council Bluffs facility. It was an adequate facility and has 288 beds with room for expansion. They said this facility was built for 15.7 million and he questioned why the proposed cost of our facility was so much higher.

Dave Arnold stated that stainless steel or porcelain fixtures in the maximum-security cells and minimum-security cells can make a big difference on cost. Even the cost of doors can affect the total cost.

Jeffries stated that he only saw the Iowa facility and the Omaha facility. The architects with DLR have built several facilities and have good experience. He thought the use of the individual cells were unique.

Hartman stated that if all of the information was out and the board explained what kind of building was going to be built a bond issue would pass.

Eriksen encouraged the board members to look at more than one facility and at the different types of management.

Discussion was held on the private financing and private management.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Rye was absent. Motion carried.

11:08 a.m. executive session

11:10 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of the board of corrections meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Robert Rye was absent. Motion carried.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk